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1. POLISH PRESS COVERAGE OF FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI'S
JANUARY 21-22 TRIP TO MOSCOW EMPHASIZED THE "TRADITION" OF
"SYSTEMATIC, REGULAR MEETINGS" OF THE POLISH AND SOVIET FOR-
EIGN MINISTERS.

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2. IN THEIR TALKS, GROMYKO AND

OLSZOWSKI FAVORABLY ASSESSED BILATERAL COOPERATION AND JOINT EFFORTS IN FURTHERING DETENTE, ACCORDING TO PAP REPORTS FROM MOSCOW APPEARING IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON JANUARY 23 AND 24. THE REPORTS CITE CSCE AND MBFR AS MAJOR INTERNATIONAL TOPICS DISCUSSED, BUT GIVE NO INDICATION AS TO ACTUAL SUBSTANCE. THERE WAS APPARENTLY NO FORMAL COMMUNIQUE. OLSZOWSKI'S VISIT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS HERE ONLY ON JANUARY 22 THE DAY AFTER HE LEFT FOR MOSCOW.

3. THE CLOSE, "FRATERNAL" COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS HEAVILY UNDERSCORED BY THE PRESS. BOTH MINISTERS REPORTEDLY POINTED TO THE "GREAT INFLUENCE" OF THE "CONSTANT, DAILY ACTIONS" OF THE CPSU AND PZPR AND THEIR RESPECTIVE LEADERS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR COUNTRIES' UNITY, FRIENDSHIP, AND COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS. GROMYKO CHARACTERIZED THE DEGREE OF SUCH COOPERATION AS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL EVER, ACCORDING TO PAP, AND SPOKE WARMLY OF POLAND'S GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO DETENTE AND ITS INITIATIVES IN STRENGTHENING SOCIALIST UNITY.

4. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TOLD ME JANUARY 23 THAT A KNOWLEDGEABLE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE HAD INDICATED TO HIM THAT OLSZOWSKI'S AND GROMYKO WOULD COORDINATE PLANS FOR THE WARSAW PACT 20TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING TO BE HELD HERE IN MAY.

5. COMMENT: THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS SEEM TO BE EXCHANGING VISITS ABOUT EVERY SIX MONTHS. LAST YEAR, GROMYKO VISITED WARSAW AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AND LOSZOWSKI TRAVELED TO MOSCOW IN MID-FEBRUARY. ALTHOUGH OLSZOWSKI'S LATEST VISIT DID NOT GET THE ADVANCE PUBLICITY AND EFFUSIVE PRESS COVERAGE THAT GROMYKO'S IN SEPTEMBER VISIT RECEIVED (REF A), HEAVY STRESS ON CLOSE FOREIGN-POLICY COORDINATION IS A MAJOR THEME COMMON TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF BOTH MEETINGS. IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF, IN ADDITION TO SUBJECTS ALREADY CITED, THE STATUS OF FRG-POLISH RELATIONS ALSO FIGURED IN THE DISCUSSIONS (REF B). THE VISIT ALSO PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLSZOWSKI TO BRIEF GROMYKO ON GIEREK'S RECENT VISIT TO CUBA AND FOR GROMYKO TO BRIEF OLSZOWSKI ON SOVIET INTENTIONS FOLLOWING RENUNCIATION OF THE 1972 US-SOVIET TRADE AGREELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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